THE MYSORE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

NOTIFICATION.

CREATION OF LARGE SELF-CONTAINED FARMS.

At the Dasara Session of the Conference of 1911 a proposition was moved advocating the grant of certain blocks of land, such as *bechirak* villages, assessed waste lands not in use by the Amrut Mahal Department, *vanams* or cultivable forest lands containing *tari, khushki, bagayat* and *gomal,* as self-contained farms to agriculturists to the extent of 50 farms of 150 acres or upwards each in each district on certain conditions and concessions.

2. The main points urged were (1) that these farms are intended to be worked on improved methods; (2) that they are intended for educated men who can command capital and who wish to adopt agriculture as a profession ; and (3) that each such farm should be kept or worked as a whole, its owner or his heirs or successors not being allowed to break it up, but being allowed to divide the profits among themselves.

3. The Conference while accepting the principle of the proposition, *viz.*, the encouragement of large farms, referred the subject back to the Agricultural Committee for submission of a working scheme.

4. Subsequently, a Sub-Committee consisting of Rajasabha Bhushana Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Dewan Bahadur, retired Councillor, Rajakarya Prasaktha Mr. D. Shama Rao, R.B., Superintendent of Revenue Survey in Mysore, Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, B.A., Advocate and member of the Economic Conference and Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Coffee Planter and member of the Agricultural Committee, Chikmagalur, was formed for consideration of the subject, and the following are the recommendations of the Sub-Committee:—

(i) In the opinion of the Sub-Committee it is desirable to advocate the formation of holdings consisting of one or more survey numbers in a contiguous block ranging from 50 to 150 acres and more, out of (*a*) assessed waste lands or unassessed lands not allotted for any communal purpose, (*b*) *bechirak* villages, (*c*) lands set apart for *gomal,* where available, without prejudice to the interests of the village cattle, (*d*) shendi *vanams,* (*e*) unused Amrut Mahal kavals, etc.

(ii) The Sub-Committee is further of opinion that the aid of Legislature should be sought for to make these holdings impartible but not inalienable.

(iii) That such holdings should be granted under the *Shraya Rules* under Rule 44* of the Land Revenue Rules only to persons who can afford and will undertake to introduce and utilise improved agricultural implements, methods, seeds and crops, so as to practically demonstrate to their neighbours the advantages of such implements, methods, etc.

5. The Agricultural Committee called for statements of assessed waste lands available for cultivation in all the districts in convenient and large blocks with particulars regarding water-supply, nature of soil and the kind of crops for which the land is suited.

6. The statements with the above particulars have been received from the districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Mysore and Chitaldrug, according to which there are about 116 such blocks covering an area of 9,780 acres in the Bangalore District, 338 blocks comprising 25,000 acres in the Kolar District, 222 comprising 16,700 acres in the Mysore District and 944 comprising 110,331 acres in the Chitaldrug District. Most of these are fit only for dry cultivation; in a large number of them wells have to be dug and labour has to be got from outside.

7. Further particulars regarding these blocks may be had either in the office of the Deputy Commissioner concerned or in the office of the Secretary to the Agricultural Committee, "Ringwood," Avenue road, Bangalore.

8. The Agricultural Committee have been assured that if they work up and submit a practical scheme it will receive the sympathetic consideration of Government.

9. For framing a practical scheme for submission to Government the Committee are anxious to know whether there is a sufficiently large number of *bona fide* applicants either within or outside the State, desirous of taking up such large blocks of land contiguously and prepared to invest the necessary outlay and what concessions they require.

10. Persons wishing to take up such blocks of land are requested to put themselves in communication with the undersigned.

By Order,
K. SUBBA RAU,
Secretary, Agricultural Committee.

BANGALORE,
19*th November* 1912.

* If it shall appear that the bringing of any survey number under cultivation will be attended with large expense, or if for other special reasons it shall seem desirable, it shall be competent to the Deputy Commissioner, with the previous sanction of the Government, to give the number revenue free or at a reduced assessment for a certain term, or revenue free for a certain term and at a reduced assessment for a further term and to annex such special conditions to the occupancy as the outlay or other reasons aforesaid may seem to him to warrant : provided always that, on the expiry of the term or terms so agreed upon the land shall be liable to full assessment under the rules then in force for lands to which a survey settlement has been extended.